Subject : Roman gold coin of
Emperor Macrinus

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[Birkenhead, Cheshire]

1923

66 Patten St
Birkenhead
Cheshire
England
18 - June 23

Dear Sir.

I have a very rare and well preserved Roman coin which I desire to sell, if a suitable offer is forthcoming.

The coin is of gold, and of the period A. D 217-218; (Emperor Marcus Opelius Severus Macrinus.) Hence the coin is 1705-6 years old, and accompanying photograph (actual size) shews that it is well preserved.

The coin has been examined by the Curator Coins & Medals Dept. British museum, who considers it a genuine specimen.

Should the museum collection not contain one of these coins, you might care to make an offer for this one. On the other hand if you already have a specimen, I would be much obliged,

if you could let me have the addresses of any local persons interested in the collection of such rare & ancient coins.

Trusting this will not cause you any inconvenience.

Yrs sincerely

Williams

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An early reply will oblige.

£15.00

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Referred by The Metropolitan Museum of Art to The American Numismatic Society
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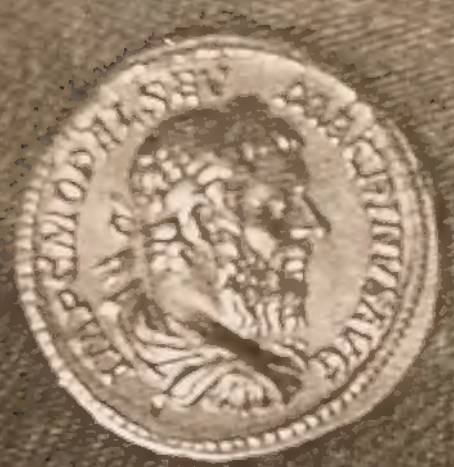

July 6th, 1923

Mr. F. Williams
66 Patten Street
Birkenhead
Cheshire

Dear Sir:

Your favour of June 18th addressed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred to us for reply.

We are interested in the coin of Macrinus about which you write. We are prepared to offer you at sight Fifteen Pounds for this, subject, of course, to our examining the coin first. Unfortunately, it appears to have a scratch at the bottom on the reverse.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

66, Patten Street,
Birkenhead,
ENGLAND.

27th July 1923.

Dear Sir,

Your letter re coin of Macrimus came duly to hand. I am pleased to read that you are interested in same, but am not prepared to forward coin for the small offer you make.

I am already in receipt of various offers which make your offer of £15. 0. 0. appear frivolous.

As you have noted, the coin is slightly scratched on the reverse in the exergue, but this does not interfere or detract from the original workmanship or design of the coin which is considered perfect.

You will, of course, know that this particular coin is very rare, and during the course of my enquiries, I find that the remaining few specimens are securely held by private collectors and museums. In Great Britain I can only trace two other specimens, one in the British Museum and one in a private collection.

If £15. 0. 0. is the maximum amount you feel prepared to offer, I would be much obliged if you would let me know per return of mail, as I am in touch with several prospective buyers but will not sell until I hear again from you.

Yours faithfully,

F Williams

Howland Wood Esq.,

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August 15th, 1923

F. Williams, Esq.
66 Patten Street
Birkenhead, England

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 27th. We appreciate that the coin about which you write is rare, but we feel that we cannot offer much more than we did in our previous letter without seeing the coin. We, however, are willing to advance the figure to Twenty Pounds (£20) for this piece.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

66, Patten Street,
BIRKENHEAD.ENGLAND.

17th September 1923.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th ultimo to hand and I note the increase in your offer, of £5. 0. 0, but am not prepared to dispose of coin for this amount.

Yours faithfully,

F Williams

Howland Wood Esq.,
The American Numismatic Society,
NEW YORK.